
From: Chris Lawler [mailto: [REDACTED]@cityoflakewood.us]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 1:27 PM

To: Byron, Linda

Subject: Use of Force Report Request

Good afternoon Linda,

I understand that you requested the use of force report for the accidental dog bite to Charles Boyles.

I was just notified that since it was an accidental dog bite, no use of force report was required or completed. It was required that a written report be submitted by the canine officer for the contact. Officer Syler completed a general police report documenting the accidental bite under case number 111270211. Pictures of the injury were also taken by Officer Syler to document the accidental bite.

I hope this answers your question and request.

Chris

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From: Chris Lawler [mailto:████████@cityoflakewood.us]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Byron, Linda
Subject: RE: Use of Force Report Request

Linda,

We're going to decline to explain this in an interview.

If the dog accidentally bites a person, it is not considered a use of force, but is considered an unintended contact. The handler is required to document the incident in a written report, which is reviewed by the supervisor of the canine unit. The supervisor reviews it to see if it was preventable or for any training needs and compliance with our policies.

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From: Byron, Linda [mailto:lbyron@king5.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Chris Lawler
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Hello Lt. Lawyer,

I would like to request an on camera interview to explain this.
Am I to understand that if a dog bites the wrong person, it's not considered a use of force, and therefore there is no review?